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## What are things that are illegal

Did you ever stop and think that laws are made for people to follow, but most of us haven't actually read them? What is more, there is a whole profession dedicated to explaining laws and in order to become a lawyer, a judge, or a specialist in that field, you have to study it for several years. So it's no wonder that there are laws in our home country law systems that would surprise us.Maybe Reddit user Krallorrdark had a similar thought, because they asked, "What is illegal but most people don't even know it?" In less than 24 hours, the thread got over 50k upvotes and over 20k comments. People shared some really weird laws and some laws that actually make sense, but somehow people don't know about them.What would you answer to Krallorrdark's question? Leave it in the comments and don't forget to upvote the laws shared by people that surprised you the most!More info: Reddit You May Like 30 Of The Dumbest Lies These People Thought Were 100% True When They Were Kids 40 Lawyers Share The Most Surprising Requests They've Ever Seen In Someone's Will 50 Times People Had The Best Answers To Questions On Reddit Popular on Bored Panda Popular on Bored Panda User Submissions Also on Bored Panda Also on Bored Panda Topics 700-page, illegal, illegal things, interesting laws, Krallorrdark, laws, legal, reddit, surprising laws, viral, weird laws, What is illegal but most people don't even know it? You might be surprised to hear that some of the things you have done are actually illegal and could end up costing you money. Want to know what you may be doing that are actually offences in the eyes of the law? Here is a list of seven things that may get you in trouble. It's hard to say how strictly some of these are enforced but it's best to stay on the right side of the law and also avoid any penalties that come with breaking these rules. A burger and fries could end up costing you hundreds if you use your phone to pay at the drive-thru. A social media post by Victoria Police asking users to vote in a poll that read: "When using a fast-food outlet's drive-through service, can I use my phone to pay?" made headlines last year when it was revealed that it was actually an offence and that you could be fined and lose points. "If you intend to use your mobile phone to pay at the drive-through window, apply the hand brake, switch the engine off and then access your mobile phone. In doing so, you are not considered driving," Victoria Police wrote at the time. If you don't switch off the engine here's how much it might cost you: Victoria: \$496 fine and four demerit points NSW: \$344 fine (\$457 in a school zone) and five demerit points Tasmania: \$336 and three demerit points South Australia: \$554 and three demerit points Queensland: \$1,000 fine and four demerit points Western Australia: \$400 fine and three demerit points (from 1 July, 2020 will increase to \$1,000 fine and four demerit points) Northern Territory: \$500 and three demerit points ACT: \$480 and three demerit points It might seem funny to draw a moustache on one of the faces on your \$20 note but you could end up in hot water. It is an offence to "intentionally deface, disfigure, mutilate or destroy any coin or paper money that is lawfully current in Australia" under the Crimes (Currency) Act 1981. And it's not just doodling, according to the Royal Australian Mint defacing a coin includes coating the surface of the money with any sort of material. The penalty is \$5,000 or imprisonment for two years, or both. Source: Syda Productions (Shutterstock) There are plenty of people who beep their horn to let someone know they are there to pick them up or to say goodbye as they are leaving. Others might do it because another driver has annoyed them. Using your car horn in those scenarios could get you in trouble. In NSW for example you must not use the horn or any other warning device unless: You need to warn other road users that your vehicle is approaching You need to warn animals to get off the road The horn is being used as part of an anti-theft or alcohol interlock device fitted to your vehicle. Here are the fine amounts for each state: Queensland: \$80 on-the-spot fine and a maximum penalty of \$2669 if the matter is referred to court. If you've been known to use the occasional rude word in public then you may want to be a little more careful in future as you could be charged. Most states have laws relating to offensive language and you could end up with a fine or even have to go to court. According to Armstrong Legal the charge is most commonly used either where a person has verbally abused police, or along with other more serious charges. In NSW for example you could be fined up to \$660. A Sydney woman was fined \$337 last year because her passenger was on Facetime. The offence? "Drive vehicle with TV/VDU image likely to distract". That fine would now be \$344. So, if your passenger is on Facetime, on their laptop or even if your kids have a DVD player in the back of the car that is distracting you could end up being hit with a fine. The rules about this vary around Australia as do the penalties. The ACT has a similar offence to NSW called "drive vehicle with TV/VDU image likely to distract" which conceivably could apply to a passenger's phone and the penalty is \$249. In Queensland this offence could set you back \$177. In Victoria for example there is a rule that states "a passenger in or on a vehicle must not interfere with the driver's control of the vehicle" and could attract a fine of up to \$495. Source: Ksenia De Netto (Shutterstock) Fancy doing a spot of cleaning late at night? Then you may want to make sure your vacuum is not too loud. This one might seem hard to believe but apparently it's true for Victorian residents. According to EPA Victoria it's an offence to make unreasonable noise from a residence and noise can be unreasonable if a neighbour can hear it in a habitable room of their home. This could include a vacuum cleaner so you can not use a vacuum before 7am or after 10pm on Monday to Friday or before 9am or after 10pm on weekends and public holidays. Both local council officers and police officers can ask you to stop making unreasonable noise and if you don't follow directions you may be fined. Some people might find it relaxing to drive with their arm or elbow out the window but it is actually illegal to drive with any body part outside the window or door. The same generally applies to passengers who have any part of their body outside the car window or door. Here's what it might cost you: Queensland: \$133 on-the-spot fine and a maximum penalty of \$2669 if the matter is referred to court. Compare Car Insurance with Canstar Main image source: Ministr-84 (Shutterstock) Canstar's Editor-at-Large, Effie Zahos, has more than two decades of experience helping Aussies make the most of their money. Prior to joining Canstar, Effie was the editor of Money Magazine, having helped establish it in 1999. She is an author and one of Australia's leading personal finance commentators, appearing regularly on TV and radio. Follow Canstar on Facebook and Twitter for regular financial updates. Shutterstock Breaking the law is something most of us strenuously avoid, but there are actually a slew of illegal things that even the most conscientious people do just about every single day—and usually get away with. These may be minor infractions we know we shouldn't do (but make a habit of when we see everyone else doing it), or laws we break without knowing they are laws in the first place. Read on for 30 weird things that are illegal that you're likely guilty of doing at least once in your life. ShutterstockYou need to get online and spot an open network, so you hop on. Called "piggybacking," this is a crime in many states, punishable by fines and even jail time in extreme cases. For example, in Sparta, MI, a man was arrested for checking his email from his car using a café's WiFi and was eventually charged a \$400 fine and 40 hours of community service. Shutterstock"Happy Birthday to You" is the most recognized song in the English language, according to Guinness World Records, but until 2016, it was illegal for you to sing it (at least to sing it on a recording or film). The song's writers, Mildred and Patty Hill, had copyrighted it and the use of it was prosecuted until a ruling two years ago stipulated that the song was in the public domain. ShutterstockWhen you just want to buy something online and they make you "register" or if you're signing up for something you might be embarrassed to have found out, you've probably popped in some kind of generic name into the fields to avoid disclosing your real identity. Well, that's against the law according to the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, which was used to prosecute a Rhode Island prison guard in 2010 for creating a fake Facebook profile for his boss.ae0fcc31ae342fd3a1346e6bb1f342fc ShutterstockThrough streaming services have made it less necessary to download albums, we all had our Napster phase where we scoured the service for obscure tracks and classic albums. You've probably still got a library of illegal things buried somewhere on your hard drive—just don't let Metallica find out about it. Shutterstock"mon...Who hasn't? You may abstain from alcohol for moral, religious, or health reasons, but it's tough to find someone who has held off on having a beer before their 21st birthday due purely to respect for the law. Yep, your poker night could very well be illegal—though you'd have to be inviting some pretty high rollers. The Illegal Gambling Act of 1970 states that it has to have revenue of more than \$2,000 for one day of gambling to technically break the law. But it's not impossible that a long night of high-stakes Texas Hold Em could lead you down that path of illegality. You're dying of thirst and have a drink in your hand that you're planning to buy. You know you're going to crack that open and enjoy it as you do your shopping, rather than wait to fill your cart with everything you need first. Just as long as you pay for it when you get to the register, chances are low that you're going to run into any issues. ShutterstockThis one you've probably done more recently. Whether trying to get the latest episode of Game of Thrones without paying for a monthly HBO Now subscription, or tracking down an obscure movie you can't find on streaming services, we've all acquired a movie or show we had no legal right to. ShutterstockMaybe you tried to save a friend from having to illegally download movies by sharing your Netflix password with them...and in the process broke the law yourself. It's actually considered a federal crime to share your passwords for subscription services—not that you haven't already done it. This one's a bit more serious than most of the illegal things on the list so far, in that it can actually get people killed. But many of us are still getting over the habit of checking our texts or chatting on the phone while we're behind the wheel. Thanks to Werner Herzog and other public service messaging, we are finally putting the phone down, but the bad habit persists. Most states require that you alert your Department of Motor Vehicles that you have moved, and some are stricter than others. But when you are moving to a new state, is getting to the DMV office really the first thing you are going to be worrying about? Probably not until a year or two later when you get fined for it. ShutterstockYou knew that old bottle of Vicodin you got for your foot surgery would come in handy someday, and sure enough, your buddy who was visiting threw his back out and couldn't make it to the doctor's until he got back home. But even if it helped him get through the return flight with a lot less pain, you were breaking the law by helping him out. ShutterstockThis is illegal in pretty much every city, but enforcement varies widely. While Los Angeles makes a lot of revenue by ticketing those who cross the street illegally (though no longer for those who enter a crosswalk after a countdown signal starts) while New York City barely acknowledges it. ShutterstockWhile laws are changing fast from one state to the next, you're still more likely to be breaking the law when you light up than not. According to a 2017 poll conducted by the Marist College Institute for Public Opinion, a majority of Americans said they have tried marijuana "at some point in their lives." Forty-four percent of Americans say they currently use weed. Almost all states require that you register your dog, showing that it is up to date on its rabies shots. Proving to be one of the more weird things that are illegal, anti-graffiti laws in states such as Florida and New York make it illegal to possess "aerosol cans" and "broad-tipped indelible markers" on your person. Chances are that if you are found with them, they would just be confiscated rather than resulting in jail time or fines—unless you were using them when you were caught. ShutterstockIf you enjoy writing genre fiction or blog posts that could unsettle readers, you could potentially be in violation of laws in some states that prohibit the writing of "disturbing material." A high school kid in Oklahoma found this out when he wrote a not-very-wise short story on his school computer that got him into hot water. All right, if you're a decent person you hopefully don't do this too often, but we've all had dropped the occasional straw wrapper or apple core and just let them lie. It's not that we felt good about doing it, there was just nowhere else to put it. Speaking of disposing of something properly, e-waste is illegal in many places due to the chemicals and nasty metals that they produce over the long run, which can end up in water supplies and cause other health risks. That being said, you were totally lazy and just threw your phone into the garbage when you finished with it, didn't you? ShutterstockWhen was the last time you actually went the speed limit? Though technically it's illegal to exceed the speed posted on those signs, you'd be hard-pressed to find someone who doesn't regularly go faster than they are supposed to. Unless they are... ShutterstockAlso technically illegal, you've probably done this when trying to be extra careful of your driving or when you are trying to figure out if you missed a turnoff. You'd have to be going way below the speed limit to catch the attention of the police, but you would not be the first person to be cited for it. While it's legal in many states, some do not allow it—not that many people heed the law when they're in a hurry and there's no oncoming traffic. You have probably treated it like a Stop sign: coming to a stop, looking both ways, then getting on with your travels. As long as you didn't do these illegal things in front of a cop car, you were probably fine. ShutterstockSpeaking of Stop signs, this is a bad habit of anyone who has cruised through the suburbs trying to get back home after a long day or taken the advice from Waze that sent you going through Stop-sign-filled intersections that slowed you down much more than if you'd just stayed in the stop-and-go traffic of the main streets. It's against the law but you know you've done it. You're driving down a wide-open street in the dead of night when you get to a red light. You wait, and wait, and wait and it's still red. After a minute or so, you should probably be ticketed for not just driving through and getting on with your drive. Like the "Midnight Red," sometimes you just need to be going the opposite direction from whence you came and there aren't many options for doing that. Are you really going to just keep driving for another mile hoping a U-turn sign will pop up, or attempt one of those right-right-right horseshoe turns, or are you going to do the easy option of flipping a U-turn when you're not supposed to? ShutterstockIf you are a bike rider than you have absolutely done this before, looking both ways then cruising through the Stop sign to get on your way. Nine times out of 10 you won't run into any issues, but be extra sure there are no cops around, just in case. You don't want to make a habit of this, but we have all done it. You hop into your car and know you are just going a few blocks, and forget to buckle your belt. In most cases, this is no problem, but remember: A majority of car crashes occur within five miles of the victim's home. ShutterstockAnother kind of law-breaking that we've probably all done: public intoxication. Laws vary from one state to another about what constitutes being "too drunk" in public and the consequences of doing so (for example, in Indiana, it can mean up to 180 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine; in Texas you'll pay no more than \$500), but there's a good chance we've all bent, if not broken the rule. ShutterstockBeyond being fully drunk in public, simply having a drink in your hand is against the law in most of the country. While you may not be the type to brown-bag it while strolling through the neighborhood or even to keep a flask in your pocket, you've probably taken your drink from the bar onto the sidewalk on a nice day once or twice. ShutterstockWell, making a meme with media that is not in the public domain, that is. Which is most material that you're likely to see in memes, such as movie and celebrity images. But while using copyrighted images may put you in some potential legal trouble, the "fair use" rule can probably keep you out of it. 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